

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
May 19, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Reedy led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Hackman led us in the Lords Prayer.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,
Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,
Councilman Reedy, Councilman Murphy, Councilman
Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers,
Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson reported that he has not received the Cost of Community Service report from the state but has received verification of his request to receive the report.

Councilwoman Hackman reported on Canine Control and informed Council Members that she will be meeting with members of the public who have expressed concerns with the way the Ordinance has been written.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted requests for additional funding from the Capital Improvement Bond fund in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Structure #14 and \$700.00 for Structure #20. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the requests. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Superior Court I Judge Bruce Markel submitted requests for additional funding from the CEDIT Fund in the amount of \$8,050.00 for medical insurance and \$10,500.00 for retirement. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the requests. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Commissioner submitted a request for additional funding from the Cumulative Capital Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for payment to have a space study done by Ratio Architects. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter submitted a request for additional funding from the County General Fund in the amount of \$22,194.44 for Deputy Prosecutor pay. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange made a motion to waive the third reading of the Additional Appropriation requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Tony Nehrt with Brownstown Quality Tool appeared before Council requesting a renewal on a personal property tax abatement. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Bernie Hunter with Silgan appeared before Council requesting a renewal on a personal property tax abatement. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners John Schafstall and Jerry Hounshel informed Council that the Board of Commissioners have approved \$50,000.00 for repairs needed at the Jackson County Fairgrounds contingent upon Council approval of funding. Jack Montgomery, a member of the Fair Board also spoke. John Schafstall stated that the \$20,000.00 received from the county for the fair through the Visitors Center can only be used for advertising. Councilman Thompson looked over the Fair Boards financial report. After much discussion Councilwoman Hackman made a motion of intent to approve funding from the Rainy Day Fund. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Prange had stepped out before the vote was taken.

Bill Lasater appeared before Council stating that this is his third year of presenting the case of the unfairness of how the CEDIT tax is distributed. Councilman Thompson explained that Council wants to make sure this is done correctly and that is a very complicated process. Council assured Mr. Lasater that this issue will continue to be looked at.

Detention Center Office Manager Gloria Baughman submitted the report for April.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard updated Council on the County Website and requested information on what Council members would like to appear on their page. Council Members agreed that they would like to have a county email address set up and included in the website information. Jeff will meet with IT Directory Mark Simmons on getting email addresses for each Council Member.

Councilman Brewer commended the local police on work done since the closing of the State Police Post in Seymour.

The meeting adjourned

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest

